

**Bellevue Parks & Community Services
Events List
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OCTOBER 2012

- Oct 3** **Free Flu Clinic**, 3 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Stevenson Elementary School, 14220 NE 8th Street
This clinic is brought to the community by a collaboration between Molina Healthcare, SeaMar Medical Center and Wrap-Around Services – a program of the City of Bellevue, Bellevue School District and United Way. **Ages:** All ages. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-406-5910.
- Oct 5** **“When the Wind Stops” by Charlotte Zolotow (children’s activity)**,
11 a.m. – noon and 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. (two separate sessions; choose one)
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Where does the wind go when it stops? It does not stop – it blows away to make the trees dance somewhere else. We will make a wind sock to take home. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** \$2; parent and child must both register. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #66821 or #66822. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Oct 5** **Guest Lecture Series: “Salmon in the City,”** 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Find out what’s fishy in Bellevue with Stream Team Program Administrator, Laurie Devereaux. She’ll tell you which salmon use Bellevue’s streams and the best times and places to see them. Learn about the salmon life cycle, their habitat, and how you can help. Don’t miss this chance to learn about salmon in our city! **Ages:** Best for ages 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course #66982. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Oct 6** **The Great Northwest Glass Pumpkin Patch**, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Wander through a pumpkin patch of 2,000 hand-blown, one-of-a-kind glass pumpkins made by the artists at the Tacoma Glassblowing Studio. Pick your favorite to bring home or just come and see the beautiful, hand-crafted art. Rain or shine! **Ages:** All ages; children must be supervised by an adult. **Cost:** Free admission; prices for pumpkins range from \$35 to \$200. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Oct 6** **Community Resource Fair**, 10 a.m. - noon
Stevenson Elementary School, 14220 NE 8th Street
Over 20 organizations will be present to provide information about resources in the community. **Ages:** All ages. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-456-6014.

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- Oct 6** **Bird Identification for Families (family activity)**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Have you ever wondered which bird species live in our area? Join Eastside Audubon for a program on how to identify birds. There will be a free optional bird feeder craft project following the program. **Ages:** Best for families with children ages 5-13. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course #66986. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Oct 6** **Success with Dahlias (Master Gardeners)**, 10:30 a.m. - noon.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Join the WSU King County Master Gardeners and Betty Burton to learn about growing dahlias. **Ages:** Appropriate for gardeners 16 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-531-1694.
- Oct 6** **Mujer y Familia: A Health Convention**, Noon – 4 p.m.
Stevenson Elementary School, 14220 NE 8th Street
Psychologist Aurora Medina and psychotherapist Regina Segura will deliver two presentations in Spanish related to the psychology of money and benefits of family counseling. **Ages:** All ages. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-456-6014.
- Oct 6** **Autumn Leaves Dance**, 7 p.m. – 11 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
The “Sound of Swing” will perform for your dancing pleasure. **Ages:** 18 years and older. **Cost:** \$15 per person, payable at the door. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7681.
- Oct 9** **Celebrate Autumn Dance**, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
The “Sound of Swing” will perform for your dancing pleasure. **Ages:** 18 years and older. **Cost:** \$3 per person, payable at the door. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7681.
- Oct 13** **Year-Round Color with Bulbs in the Garden (Master Gardeners)**, 10:30 a.m. - noon.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Join the WSU King County Master Gardeners and Joan Helbacka to learn about adding some color throughout the year in your garden. **Ages:** Appropriate for gardeners 16 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-531-1694.

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- Oct 13** **Volunteer for Kelsey Creek Farm Fair Special Event**, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
We are seeking energetic, fun teens to assist with children’s activities at this Kelsey Creek Farm special event. Volunteers must be able to follow directions, be comfortable in crowds and be on your feet in all types of weather. This is a great way to earn your community service hours. Dress to work with the public. Wear sturdy shoes that can get wet. **Ages:** 14-18 years old. **Cost:** Free. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- Oct 13** **Kelsey Creek Farm Fair**, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Bring your family to the farm and enjoy a variety of old-time activities such as live entertainment, heritage demonstrations, kids’ crafts, tractor-pulled hay rides, pony rides, and barnyard animals. No pets please. **Ages:** Family event; all ages are welcome. **Cost:** Free admission; costs vary for activities. Sorry, no ATM will be on site, and we cannot accept charge cards. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- Oct 13** **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Fraser Cabin, 410 130th Place SE
The Fraser Cabin, built in 1888 and located at Kelsey Creek Farm, comes to life with activities and interpretation presented by volunteers and staff from the Eastside Heritage Center. Visitors are invited to participate in hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settle life: agriculture, dairy, household tasks, log cabins, games and Eastside history. This event is part of the Kelsey Creek Farm Fair. Presented by the Eastside Heritage Center, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages, children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center – www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or call 425-450-1049.
- Oct 13** **Nature Bingo (family activity)**, 1 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Learn about the elements that make up the natural world while you race to yell “Nature Bingo!” first. **Ages:** 4 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required; parent and child must both register. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #66829. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Oct 14** **“Primates” (nature movie)**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Written and narrated by esteemed naturalist David Attenborough, experience the stand-out BBC nature documentary series “LIFE.” Intelligence, curiosity and complex societies have enabled primates to exploit many different habitats. Running time is 50 minutes. **Ages:** Appropriate for ages 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Oct 14, 21 Fish Ladder Fun**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Fish Ladder, 118th Avenue SE, just south of SE 8th Street. Park at the office park and meet at the blue sign for the ladder.
Salmon are running this time of year, so take the opportunity to learn something new about them! Join a Mercer Slough park ranger for an informal, question-and-answer session at the fish ladder. We may just see some salmon on their journey upstream. **Ages:** Best for ages 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Oct 17 Farm Hands – Happy Halloween Ghosts**, 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Our new Farm Hands program is designed for school-aged kids with early release on Wednesdays. Blend a touch of work and a dash of play, and mix together for a fun afternoon with Farmer Jayne. We'll learn about our animals, make treats and work in the farm yard. **Ages:** 5-8 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course #66876. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- Oct 19 Owl Prowl (family activity)**, 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Come in and learn about the mysterious animal called the owl. Then take a night hike with the park rangers and listen for owls and other nocturnal wildlife in the park. Bring a flashlight or a headlamp for the journey, as well as sturdy shoes! **Ages:** 6 years and older. **Cost:** \$3. **Pre-registration:** Required; parent and child must both register. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #66827. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Oct 19 Zumba Halloween Party**, 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Join us for a fun-filled, hip-shaking Halloween party with music, dancing, costumes, refreshments and prizes! So much fun you won't even know you're exercising! **Ages:** 13 years and older. **Cost:** \$5 per person. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** SBCC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240.
- Oct 19-20 Haunted Miniature Golf**, 8 p.m. – 11 p.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
It's SpookFest at SBCC! Miniature golf is fun, but playing it with glowing golf balls in a dark haunted house is even better! **Ages:** 7 years and older. **Cost:** \$5 per person. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** SBCC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240.

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- Oct 20** **SpookFest Pancake Breakfast and More**, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Halloween pancakes served hot off of the griddle are a great start to this fun day. After pancakes, Kimmie the Witch will be here for a special performance just for the littlest ones, and Halloween miniature golf is open for older kids and families. **Ages:** 2 years and older; family event. **Cost:** \$5 per person; children under 2 are free. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** SBCC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240.
- Oct 20** **Garden Tools – Selecting and Caring for Them (Master Gardeners)**, 10:30 a.m. - noon.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Join the WSU King County Master Gardeners and Kathy Ewert to learn what the best tools will be for your gardening needs. **Ages:** Appropriate for gardeners 16 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-531-1694.
- Oct 20** **Intro to Sikh Culture**, Noon to 2 p.m.
Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th Street
Please join presenter Jasmit Singh to learn about this rich and vibrant community. Hate crimes shake a nation to its core, as did the recent murder of six Sikh worshippers in Wisconsin. Knowledge and understanding can help in the healing process. Sikhs are among the many religious and cultural groups that enrich life in King County. You may have seen Sikh men wearing turbans and beards in your community or workplace. KCLS and the City of Bellevue invite you to learn the meaning behind Sikh traditions in a welcoming environment. Brought to you by *Aasra Magazine - Connecting Communities*, the King County Library System and the City of Bellevue's Cultural Diversity Program. **Ages:** 2 years and older; family event. **Cost:** \$5 per person; children under 2 are free. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to RSVP:** jacavinta@kcls.org or call 425-369-3454.
- Oct 20** **Fungus Among Us (ranger program)**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Ever wonder about these sometimes delicious, other times dangerous decomposers? These amazing living things are necessary for the survival of everything from the smallest flower to the largest animal. Come learn about the importance of fungi to our forests and to us! **Ages:** Appropriate for ages 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7225.

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- Oct 20** **The Great SBCC Pumpkin Race**, 10 a.m. - noon
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Think Pinewood Derby – with a twist! Bring your decorated pumpkin, complete with wheels, to compete in our Second Annual Pumpkin Race. When you register, you'll receive basic directions on preparing your pumpkin for race day, plus an entrance application. Wheels are available for a \$15 materials fee. Heats are set depending on pumpkin weight. Individuals, families and groups are encouraged to register. **Ages:** 6 years and older; family event. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** SBCC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240.
- Oct 20-21** **Drop-in Halloween Miniature Golf**, Saturday (9 a.m. – 5 p.m.) and Sunday (10 a.m. – 2 p.m.)
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Bring your family and have fun playing nine holes of miniature golf with a Halloween theme. Parents are required to attend with children under 12 years old. **Ages:** 5 years and older; family event. **Cost:** \$3 for residents; \$4 for non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** SBCC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240.
- Oct 21** **“Mom of a Croc” (children’s movie)**, 2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join the adventures of the Kratt brothers as they meet up with cool creatures from around the world. Each episode is an adventure that also features how animals use science in their natural lives. Running time is 30 minutes. **Ages:** 6 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Oct 26** **Movies at Mercer Slough: “Planet Earth - Caves,”** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Descend into a habitat not directly driven by sunlight and discover some of the most peculiar creatures on Earth. From Borneo’s Deer Cave where five million bats roost to cave swiftlets that build nests out of saliva, “Caves” digs deep into an underground world where few people have ventured. Approximately 50 minutes. Popcorn provided! **Ages:** Best for ages 8 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Oct 26-Nov 4** **“Zombies” (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production)**,
October 26, 27, November 2 & 3 at 7 p.m.; October 28, November 3 & 4 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16661 Northup Way, Bellevue
This is BYT’s annual Halloween show and is suitable for the whole family. It will bring a new look at zombies with this original script by last year’s author of *Frankenstein*. Enjoy this new look at the zombie phenomenon. **Ages:** This show is rated PG. **Cost:** Tickets are \$10/advanced or \$12 after October 19. **Info and to purchase tickets:** <http://bellevuewa.gov/BYT-productions.htm> or 425-452-7155.

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- Oct 27** **Pumpkin Pals**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Spend a fun-filled morning pondering the perfect pumpkin! Art, music, a yummy snack and a pumpkin relay race are some of the happy activities planned for the morning. **Ages:** 2-5 years old. **Cost:** \$22/residents and \$25/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Oct 28** **“Crow Planet: Essential Wisdom for the Urban Wilderness” by Lyanda Haupt**
(Naturalists’ Book Club), 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
There are more crows now than ever. Their abundance is both an indicator of ecological imbalance and a generous opportunity to connect with the animal world. *Crow Planet* reminds us that we do not need to head to faraway places to encounter “nature.” Rather, even in the suburbs and cities where we live, we are surrounded by wildlife such as crows, and through observing them we can enhance our appreciation of the world’s natural order. *Crow Planet* richly weaves Haupt’s own “crow stories” as well as scientific and scholarly research and the history and mythology of crows, culminating in a book that is sure to make readers see the world around them in a very different way. **Ages:** 15 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Oct 31** **Halloween Luncheon**, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Enjoy a delicious lunch and wear your best costume. There will be a costume contest with prizes! Lunch is co-sponsored by Catholic Community Services. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Suggested donation of \$3 for those 60 years and older; fee of \$5.75 for those under 60, payable at the door. **Pre-registration:** Required by October 21. **Info and to register:** 425-452-7681.

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- Nov 2** **“All the Places to Love” by Patricia MacLachlan (children’s activity – story time)**, 11 a.m. – noon and 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. (two separate sessions; choose one)
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
A moving homage to the American farm, this book recreates all the glory and sweet simplicity of one family’s connection to the land. We will make a family tree to take home. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** \$2. **Pre-registration:** Required; parent and child must both register. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #66823 or #66824. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Nov 2** **Mercer’s Minnows (ranger program)**, 2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Did you know that a few times each spring, hundreds of foot-long minnows travel up the Mercer Slough on their way to their spawning beds in Kelsey Creek? Come learn more about their fascinating journey and watersheds in general. **Ages:** Best for ages 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Nov 3** **Etiquette – Young Ladies & Gentlemen I**, 9 a.m. - noon
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Children rarely attend classes on manners, and yet it is the key to building positive friendships and strong self-esteem. This hands-on and FUN workshop teaches basic manners, personal care, phone etiquette and more. **Ages:** 6-11 years old. **Cost:** \$50/residents and \$60/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Nov 3** **Etiquette – Young Ladies & Gentlemen II**, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
This follow-up to Young Ladies and Gentlemen I will teach your child how to be a gracious guest or host, meeting and greeting, polite conversation, basic table manners and more. Cake will be served in this class. It is not necessary to take Young Ladies and Gentlemen I to enroll in this class. **Ages:** 6-11 years old. **Cost:** \$50/residents and \$60/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Nov 7** **Farm Hands – Cows, Butter and a Log Cabin**, 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Our new Farm Hands program is designed for school-aged kids with early release on Wednesdays. Blend a touch of work and a dash of play, and mix together for a fun afternoon with Farmer Jayne. We’ll learn about our animals, make treats and work in the farm yard. **Ages:** 5-8 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course #66877. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

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- Nov 9-18** **“Snow White” (Bellevue Youth Theatre production),**
November 9, 10, 16 and 17 at 7 p.m.; November 11, 17 and 18 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16661 Northup Way
This famous story by the Brothers Grimm is re-imagined with elements of music. Enjoy a tale of the beautiful ousted princess and her seven charming little friends in the search for a happily ever after. This show will entertain and is suitable for the entire family. **Ages:** All ages; family event. **Cost:** Tickets are \$10/advanced or \$12 after November 2. **Info and to purchase tickets:**
<http://bellevuewa.gov/BYT-productions.htm> or 425-452-7155.
- Nov 10** **Puget Prairies (Adult Enrichment Program),** noon - 12:30 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Although Washington is known as the “Evergreen State,” native prairies were once common in western Washington. Learn about prairie ecology, natural history and where we can go to enjoy prairies in our region. **Ages:** Best for ages 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:**
mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Nov 11** **“March of the Penguins” (movie),** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Every year, thousands of emperor penguins make an astonishing journey to breed their young. They walk, marching day and night in single file 70 miles into the darkest, driest and coldest continent on Earth. Running time is 80 minutes. **Ages:** Appropriate for ages 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Nov 13** **Veterans’ Day Dance,** 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
The “Sound of Swing” will perform for your dancing pleasure. **Ages:** 18 years and older. **Cost:** \$3 per person, payable at the door. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7681.
- Nov 14** **Thanksgiving Luncheon,** 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Join us as we serve you a festive holiday meal, co-sponsored by Catholic Community Services. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Suggested donation of \$3 for those 60 years and older; fee of \$5.75 for those under 60, payable at the door. **Pre-registration:** Required by November 5. **Info and to register:** 425-452-7681.

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- Nov 17** **Animal Art (Art in Nature program)**, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Draw and sketch different Pacific Northwest species from a collection of wildlife mounts! There is no other way to capture the magnificence of these creatures so close up and so still. Mounts, newsprint, charcoal pencils and drawing boards will be provided. Challenge your artistic talents while learning about the natural history of the area you live in. **Ages:** 13 years and older. **Cost:** Suggested donation of \$2. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #66837. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Nov 18** **“Penguins on Parade” (children’s movie)**, 2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Emperor penguins, rock hoppers, road runners and ostriches are all birds that can’t fly no matter how hard they try. Running time is 30 minutes. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Nov 22** **FREE Thanksgiving Day Indoor Cycling Class**, 7 a.m., 8:15 a.m. or 9:30 a.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Burn 600+ calories before your feast while also supporting the LiveWire Eastside Domestic Violence Program with a donation. Ask for the list of needed donation items when you call to reserve a bike. Bring water and a towel. **Ages:** 13 years and older. **Cost:** FREE; suggested donation. **Pre-registration:** Required to reserve a bike. **Info and to register:** Joan at jperugini@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240.
- Nov 22** **Fit for the Feast 2012**, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Bellevue Aquatic Center, 601 143rd Avenue NE
Join us for a two-hour Master's swim workout prior to your Thanksgiving dinner. All abilities are welcome. **Ages:** 19 years and older. **Cost:** \$10, which includes a designer t-shirt. **Pre-registration:** Not required. Pay when you arrive. **Info:** Scott Armstrong at sarmstrong@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2806.
- Nov 23** **Youth Appreciation and Safety Day 2012**, noon to 2 p.m.
Bellevue Aquatic Center, 601 143rd Avenue NE
This fun event offers swimming and raffles while promoting water safety and proper life jacket use. Free designer t-shirts will be given to the first 50 children ages 12 years and under who come through our front door. Event features free open swim for children (12 and under), life jacket demonstration, active victim rescue demonstration, spinal victim rescue demonstration, water safety coloring books, candy and water safety bookmarks. Raffles will be held throughout the event. **Cost:** Free for 12 and under; \$6.25 for 13 and older. **Ages:** Best for ages 12 years and younger. **Pre-registration:** Not required; pay when you arrive. **Info:** 425-452-4444.

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- Nov 23-25** **“Annie” (Bellevue Youth Theatre production),**
November 23 and 24 at 7 p.m.; November 24 and 25 at 2 p.m.
Meydenbauer Theatre, 11100 NE 6th Street
This is the classic Broadway musical with dancing, singing and those classic songs like "Tomorrow," "Maybe" and "Hard Knock Life." BYT's production of "Annie" is part of the Bellevue Downtown Association's [Magic Season](#). Come enjoy some downtown Bellevue shopping and cap off your trip with this delightful musical. Ages: All ages; family event. **Cost:** Tickets are \$10/advanced or \$12 after November 16. **Info and to purchase tickets:** <http://bellevuewa.gov/BYT-productions.htm> or 425-452-7155.
- Nov 24** **Great Migrations (ranger program),** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
A hummingbird that flies from Alaska to Mexico? Cliff swallows visiting from South America? All over the world, you can find animals that make unbelievably lengthy journeys every year, hundreds or even thousands of miles away, to find food, raise their young or just stay warm! Join a Ranger to hear tales of the harrowing adventures these amazing animals have on their travels through the Pacific Northwest. **Ages:** Appropriate for ages 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Nov 24-Dec 31** **Garden d’Lights,** 5 p.m. – 10 p.m. every evening
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Brought to you by the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society, Garden d’Lights features over a half million lights which transform the Bellevue Botanical Garden into a blossoming winter wonderland. Tickets are available beginning October 15. Please visit www.gardendlights.org/ to (1) purchase your ticket (admission is \$5 per person; children 10 and under are free); (2) find out how to visit the show for FREE; (3) get updated parking information and directions to the Garden. **Info:** www.gardendlights.org/ or Garden d’Lights information line – 425-452-6844.
- Nov 27-Dec 1** **Hilltop Holiday Craft Show,** 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. all days except
December 1 – 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9819 NE 24th Street
Lift your holiday spirit! Come and enjoy a delightful, unique, whimsical, one-of-a-kind craft show featuring thousands of hand-crafted items from over 80 selected Northwest crafters. It’s not your ordinary craft show. **Ages:** All ages; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free admission; crafts vary in price. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106. **Crafter application/information:** Hilltop.crafts@frontier.com or 360-668-1987.

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Nov 30-Dec 9 **“Clara and the Nutcracker” (Bellevue Youth Theatre production),**
November 30, December 1, 7 and 8 at 7 p.m.; December 2, 8 and 9 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16661 Northup Way
Before the famous ballet, there was the book. This is the story behind
Nutcracker, and it comes to the stage for a delightful experience for the entire
family. Come and make this part of your holiday celebration. **Ages:** All ages;
family event. **Cost:** Tickets are \$10/advanced or \$12 after November 23. **Info**
and to purchase tickets: <http://bellevuewa.gov/BYT-productions.htm> or 425-
452-7155.

Nov 30 **Movies at Mercer Slough: “Planet Earth - Great Plains”, 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.**
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room,
1625 118th Avenue SE
Trek to one of Earth’s largest land habitats, where vast open spaces play host to
the biggest groups of animals in the world. From the 2,000-mile migration
undertaken by three million caribou in the Arctic Tundra, to a pride of 30 starving
lions hunting elephants, “Great Plains” reveals the most impressive migrations
and the boldest hunts on the planet. Approximately 50 minutes. Popcorn
provided! **Ages:** Best for ages 8 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:**
Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- Nov 24-Dec 31 Garden d’Lights**, 5 p.m. – 10 p.m. every evening
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Brought to you by the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society, Garden d’Lights features over a half million lights which transform the Bellevue Botanical Garden into a blossoming winter wonderland. Tickets are available beginning October 15. Please visit www.gardendlights.org/ to (1) purchase your ticket (admission is \$5 per person; children 10 and under are free); (2) find out how to visit the show for FREE; (3) get updated parking information and directions to the Garden. Info: www.gardendlights.org/ or Garden d’Lights information line – 425-452-6844.
- Nov 27-Dec 1 Hilltop Holiday Craft Show**, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. all days except December 1 – 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9819 NE 24th Street
Lift your holiday spirit! Come and enjoy a delightful, unique, whimsical, one-of-a-kind craft show featuring thousands of hand-crafted items from over 80 selected Northwest crafters. It’s not your ordinary craft show. **Ages:** All ages; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free admission; crafts vary in price. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106. **Crafter application/information:** Hilltop.crafts@frontier.com or 360-668-1987.
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- Dec 1 Holiday Ball**, 7 p.m. - 11 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
The “Sound of Swing” will perform for your dancing pleasure. **Ages:** 18 years and older. **Cost:** \$15 per person, payable at the door. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7681.

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- Dec 2** **“Being Caribou: Five Months on Foot with an Arctic Herd” by Karsten Heuer (Naturalists’ Book Club), 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
For eons, female members of the Porcupine caribou herd have made the 2,800-mile journey from their winter feeding grounds to their summer calving grounds. They once roamed borderless wilderness; now they trek from Canada, where they’re protected, to the United State, where they are not. What’s more, beneath the calving grounds lay vast reserves of oil. Determined to convey both the enormity of the caribous’ migration and the delicacy of their habitat, Heuer and his wife spent their honeymoon following the herd. Both a rousing adventure story and a sober ecological meditation, *Being Caribou* vividly conveys this magnificent animal’s world. **Ages:** 15 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Dec 7** **“Voices of the Wild” by Johnathan London (children’s activity – Story Time), 11 a.m. – noon and 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. (two separate sessions; choose one)**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
In the silence of a northern summer sunrise, a man kayaks down a winding river, past Bear, Lynx, Turtle and other animals. Each watches with caution and curiosity as he paddles quietly past. We will make deer/reindeer antlers to take home. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** \$2. **Pre-registration:** Required; parent and child must both register. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #66825 or course #66826. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Dec 8** **Visions of Sugarplums, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Make mini-gingerbread houses, sing songs, dance and eat yummys for your tummies! Enjoy merry-making to welcome the holiday season! **Ages:** 2-5 years old. **Cost:** \$20/residents and \$25/non-residents. Additional child cost is \$5/residents and \$6/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Dec 8** **Winter Wildlife Myths, 11 a.m. – noon.**
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
The change of the seasons is an eternal fascination of mankind’s – the stuff of myths, each one as beautiful and unique as a snowflake. Come celebrate the season by learning about a variety of wintertime myths featuring our wildlife friends. **Ages:** Appropriate for all ages. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7225.

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- Dec 8** **The Ecological Home**, 11 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Although most of us didn't build or buy a "green home," there is a lot we can do to make our home, apartment or condo more ecologically sustainable. Join a Mercer Slough park ranger to learn some simple ways to make your home (both indoors and outdoors) a more sustainable place. We will focus on simple and inexpensive methods. The ranger will be available afterward to lead a brief tour of the Environmental Education Center – a Gold-Certified LEED facility. **Ages:** Best for ages 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Dec 11** **Celebrate Snow Dance**, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
The "Sound of Swing" will perform for your dancing pleasure. **Ages:** 18 years and older. **Cost:** \$3 per person, payable at the door. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7681.
- Dec 12** **Holiday Luncheon**, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Join us as we serve you a festive holiday meal, co-sponsored by Catholic Community Services. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Suggested donation of \$3 for those 60 years and older; fee of \$5.75 for those under 60, payable at the door. **Pre-registration:** Required by November 5. **Info and to register:** 425-452-7681.
- Dec 12** **Farm Hands – Happy Holidays to All**, 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Our new Farm Hands program is designed for school-aged kids with early release on Wednesdays. Blend a touch of work and a dash of play, and mix together for a fun afternoon with Farmer Jayne. We'll learn about our animals, make treats and work in the farm yard. **Ages:** 5-8 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course #66878. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- Dec 12** **Seattle Civic Christmas Ship**, 8:20 – 8:40 p.m.
Newcastle Beach Park, 4400 Lake Washington Blvd. SE
Join us on shore to welcome the Seattle Civic Christmas Ship. There will be a beach fire for all to enjoy. **Ages:** All ages; family event. **Cost:** Free admission. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

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- Dec 16** **“Christmas in Yellowstone” (movie)**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Celebrate the beauty and wonders of the season in one of the most extraordinary places on Earth. Here are sights that only a fraction of Yellowstone’s almost three million visitors each year are privileged to see. This mesmerizing program captures winter in the wilderness in all of its splendor. Running time is 52 minutes. **Ages:** Appropriate for ages 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Dec 14** **Seattle Civic Christmas Ship**, 8 p.m. – 8:20 p.m.
Meydenbauer Beach Park, 419 98th Avenue NE
Join us on shore to welcome the Seattle Civic Christmas Ship. There will be a beach fire for all to enjoy. **Ages:** All ages; family event. **Cost:** Free admission. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Dec 20 or 21** **Merry Christmas, Animal Friends**, 10 a.m. – 12:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
What does a pony or a rabbit want for Christmas? Come help Farmer Jayne create merry Christmas gifts and delicious treats for all our animal friends at the farm. Bring your imagination! **Ages:** 3-7 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30 non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- Dec 23** **“Stranger in the Woods” (children’s story and movie)**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Based on the award-winning children’s book by the same name, the winter storm has ended, and the entire forest is wearing a coat of glistening white. As the animals come out of their shelter at daybreak, they discover there is something, or someone, new in the forest. Running time is 23 minutes. We will read the book together and then enjoy the movie. Crafty snack making will follow! **Ages:** Appropriate for ages 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Dec 28** **Movies at Mercer Slough: “Planet Earth – Seasonal Forests,”** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Investigate these temperate regions and find some of the most elusive creatures and well-adapted plant life on Earth. From the giant sequoia tree ten times the size of a blue whale, to the trackless Siberian forests where just 40 Amur leopards remain, “Forests” brings to life a seemingly familiar world that remains largely unexplored. Running time is approximately 50 minutes. Popcorn provided! **Ages:** Best for ages 8 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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SEASONAL EVENTS

- April-Oct Docent-led Tour**, every Saturday and Sunday, 2 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
These tours are open to the public, and no reservations are needed. **Cost:** Free!
For more info: 425-451-3755 or 425-452-2750.
- Aug-Oct Garden d’Lights Work Parties**,
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
If you’ve completed the volunteer process and participated in one or more Garden d’Lights classes, you are invited to attend work parties as we prepare for our annual Garden d’Lights celebration at the Bellevue Botanical Garden. Participants will help make and repair flowers and/or critters to be placed in the Garden this coming November and December. **For more information, contact the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society at www.bellevuebotanical.org.**
- Oct Pumpkin Patch Fun**, times vary
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Pick your pumpkin at Kelsey Creek Farm. Pumpkins are not on the vine but are located in a farm pasture for easy pickin’. **Ages:** All ages; family event. **Cost:** Varies. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- Nov Kelsey Creek Farm Pioneer Days**, daily - times vary
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Experience life in the 1800s by visiting our historic log cabin. Tour includes grinding wheat and coffee, turning butter, and other living history activities. These tours are for preschool and school groups. **Ages:** 2 years and older. **Cost:** Varies according to group size (up to \$5 per person). **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- Dec & Jan Kids on the Farm – Group Tours**, times vary
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Explore our farm and meet our goats, pig, sheep, rabbits, chickens and ponies. Experience the old-fashioned skill of wool carding, and create a wool sheep to take home. These group tours are for preschool and school groups. **Ages:** 2 years and older. **Cost:** Varies according to group size (up to \$5 per person). **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

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YEAR-ROUND EVENTS

3rd Sunday of each month

NWRSA Area 2060 Greater Sammamish Hand Spinners, Noon - 2 p.m.

Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park (Farm House), 410 130th Place SE

Visitors invited to drop in and watch as spinners demonstrate the traditional art of hand spinning as they turn fuzzy fiber into yarn. New spinners welcome! **Register:** not required. All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Info:** 425-452-7688 or e-mail kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov.

Every 1st Monday each month

Snocone Night, 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Bellevue Skate Park, 14224 Bel-Red Road (within Highland Community Park)

Bellevue Skate Park and Snowboard Connection are proud to present "Snocon Night." Various games, best trick contest, and give a ways for families and youth of all ages. Come check it out - you may walk away with some cool prizes. **Info:** 425-452-2722. **Register:** not required.

Every Monday

2011 Kids Care Coat Drive Planning Committee, 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-119, 450 110th Avenue NE

Help plan an annual city-wide coat drive for families in Bellevue. **Info:** call Youth Link at 425-452-5254 or visit www.youthlink.com.

Every Monday

2012 Youth Involvement Conference Planning Committee, 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-119, 450 110th Avenue NE

Help plan a biennial city-wide youth conference in Bellevue. Decide with other teens on selecting themes, workshops and speakers. **Info:** call Youth Link at 425-452-5254 or visit www.youthlink.com.

Last Monday each month

Youth Link Teen Closet Distribution Event, 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

World Impact Network, 2015 Richards Road

Teen Closet is a free clothing bank for teens and families in the Bellevue area. Individuals, families, and community groups interested in volunteering at the event can contact Patrick, Youth Link Program Coordinator, 425-452-5254, e-mail palina@bellevuewa.gov, or visit www.youthlink.com.

Every Tuesday

21st Annual Community Leadership Awards Night Planning Committee, 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-119, 450 110th Avenue NE

Help plan a city-wide youth recognition event in Bellevue. **Info:** call Youth Link at 425-452-5254 or visit www.youthlink.com.

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Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month

Community Leadership Awards Night Planning Committee, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE, Room 1E-119

Help plan a citywide youth recognition event in our community. **Info:** Youth Link: 425-452-5254 or visit www.youthlink.com.

4th Tuesday each month

Bellevue Youth Court, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE, Council Chambers

Monthly session of Bellevue Youth Court with two juvenile court cases. **Info:** 425-452-2846 or visit www.youthlink.com.

1st and 3rd Wednesday each month

Bellevue Youth Council Meeting, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE, Room 1E-120

Youth leadership and community service program for Bellevue middle and high school students.

Info: Youth Link: 425-452-5254 or visit www.youthlink.com.

1st Thursday each month

Bellevue Network On Aging Meeting, 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE, Room 1E-120

Info: 425-452-7681 or visit www.bellevuewa.gov/network_on_aging.htm.

1st Saturday each month

Lewis Creek Ranger Hikes, first Saturdays – September 1, October 6, November 3, December 1

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE

Join a ranger to explore the natural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:**

425-452-4195.

Every Saturday

Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger-led Walk, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street

Do you know the story behind the Phantom at Phantom Lake? Have you ever seen our feathered winter visitors? Can you spot a nurse log? Join a Park Ranger for a free guided tour of the Greenbelt. Learn the history of the park, tour community gardens, and learn about local wildlife.

Ages: All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration** is not required. **Info:** 425-452-7225.

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Every Saturday

Mercer Slough Nature Walk, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE

At 320 acres, Mercer Slough Nature Park is Lake Washington's largest wetland and Bellevue's second largest park! Meet a Park Ranger at the Environmental Education Center for a free guided tour to learn about the fascinating flora, fauna and history of the park. Please dress for weather. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

Every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

Luncheon, Noon

North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE

Adults 60 and older can enjoy a delicious, hot lunch. **Suggested donation:** \$3 for those 60 and older; fee of \$5.95 for those under 60. Lunches sponsored and prepared by Catholic Community Services staff and Center volunteers. Special events such as Thanksgiving and Holiday lunches. **Info/Pre-register:** 425-452-7681.